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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 27, 2005, and the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 filed concurrently herewith. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter this Preliminary Amendment and consider the following remarks.

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